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Note

Rev. Paul Dayhoff, a new missionary appointee, arrived in Africa about November 20, 1952.

The Other Sheep

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring (John 10:16).

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Union of the International Holiness Movement

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 p.m. on October 29, 1952, the gavel sounded in the Zion Methodist Church at Leeds, England. The fusion of International Holiness Mission with the Church of the Nazarene had been finalized. It is impossible to realize the wave of blessing which swept like a rolling tide upon the six hundred people there assembled on October 29 unless account is taken of the events preceding this memorable occasion.

General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers was wonderfully anointed of the Holy Spirit in the delivery of a message based on the very appropriate verses in Acts 5:38, 39: "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it: lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

District Superintendent Dr. George Frame and I.H.M. Leader Rev. C. B. MacLagan, representing their respective groups, recounted the thrilling and increasingly glorious steps which led to the amalgamation.

In the British Isles the work of the Church of the Nazarene has principally been in Scotland and Ireland, while that of the I.H.M. has been in England and Wales. The union of these two holiness bodies therefore means the establishment of a united and greatly strengthened holiness message in Britain. Adding approximately one thousand splendid members in the south to the thirteen hundred witnessing in the north is a decided victory for the cause of holiness evangelism.

Another phase of the work of the two groups also contributed to the blessing of the amalgamation moment. More than forty years ago Harmon Schmelenbach began the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene in Swaziland, South Africa. At the same time D. B. Jones pioneered the I.H.M. mission beginnings in Johannesburg, South Africa. These have been years of advance-

ment numerically and geographically for both groups. Their fusion brings two adjacent holiness missions together, uniting 32 I.H.M. missionaries to the present staff of 68 sent out by the Church of the Nazarene. Eleven main stations with 195 outposts will add substantially to the work of the Church in South Africa.

All of the twenty-six I.H.M. congregations save one had voted for union, the British Isles District of the Church of the Nazarene had sanctioned it, the two mission groups in Africa had expressed themselves favorably, the Board of General Superintendents had recommended and the General Board had approved the fusion. Each step of the process, requiring many months, was accompanied by divine blessing and guidance. It is little wonder that 9:30 p.m., October 29, 1952, Leeds, England, should become a high moment and a significant place.

Realizing that the two most active holiness groups in Great Britain and two very splendid mission organizations in Africa were at that moment officially uniting, the stroke of the gavel, preceded by the announcement of the union, brought tremendous blessing.

The I.H.M. In Great Britain

By J. B. MacLagan*

DAVID THOMAS, founder of the International Holiness Mission in Britain, was born in Wales in 1860. Twenty years later he was "born again" in Battersea, London, at a meeting conducted by Mr. Reader Harris. Witnessing to this experience later, he said: "I felt the assurance of

*Former President of the International Holiness Mission.

the coming of the Holy Spirit in my heart, and for forty years that witness has never left me, no, not for a single hour."

From the moment of his conversion David Thomas was gripped by an evangelistic impulse, and within six months he had led every member of his Sunday-school class to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

London presented the opportunities for advancement which whetted the ambitions of the energetic young Welshman, and before long he had established himself in a drapery business on Falcon Road. God blessed and prospered him in such a manner that perhaps no business concern of its size has left a greater influence on the lives of its employees and the people of the surrounding districts. At times, quite unintentionally, however, if the young people were not attentive to their duties or not courteous to customers, they would be called to task in a very uncharitable spirit, and within the young employer's heart there would come a sense of condemnation because of the harsh and unpleasant spirit manifested.

The visit of Dr. G. D. Watson to Speke Hall, then the headquarters of the Pentecostal League of Prayer, resulted in David Thomas' entering the Canaan of perfect love. The message was on Romans 6:6. Seeing his need, he made an unconditional surrender of himself to the Lord and claimed the blessing of entire sanctification. Dr. Watson, in shaking hands after prayer, said, "Young man, if you will keep true you will never need another consecration service, no, not even if you live to be as old as Methuselah." From that service David Thomas went to labor for God with renewed zeal and with the determined object in view of doing the will of God. The employees in the business house noticed the change. The hasty, unkind words never came to his lips again. Holiness was found to be practical in business as well as in church life.

David Thomas conducted revivals and conventions in various parts of the country with Mr. Reader Harris; but later, feeling the need of a witness for holiness outside the established churches, he started the work in Battersea in 1907. In 1920 it was deemed expedient, in view of the increasing proportions of the work, its added number of churches and missions in the homeland, and of the development of the work in South Africa, that the workers form themselves into a corporate body, and this they did under the title of the International Holiness Mission.

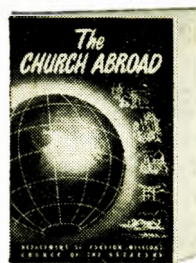
But for his passion to spread holiness, David Thomas would have been a wealthy man, and never until the day of final account will Britain know what it owes to the sacrificial devotion of this

largehearted servant of God for the way in which he stood behind things with his time, strength, and checkbook. Holiness unto the Lord was his watchword and song. He loved the penitent form† and whenever he proclaimed the counsels of God he pressed for an immediate decision. One of his critics half sneeringly paid him a wonderful compliment when he said: "When I get to heaven, if I want to find David Thomas I shall look for a man running about with a little penitent form under his arm." There will be no "penitent forms" in heaven, but this there will be, literally hundreds and doubtless thousands of redeemed souls who through the instrumentality of David Thomas were induced to kneel there.

Like Moses of old, David Thomas died in full strength. There was no weakening of purpose: his vision was undimmed and his testimony clear. God gave him the desire of his heart: he went to his reward almost directly from a holiness convention at Wellingborough. Some may say that David Thomas died without seeing the fulfillment of his ideal, but with approximately thirty churches, twenty ministers, and hundreds of the most devoted and loyal lay people to be found anywhere, his memory and message will be perpetuated.

Now that the I.H.M. has united with the Church of the Nazarene we are anticipating even greater days in the future. A holiness revival is long overdue. A united church will carry the flaming torch throughout our beloved land, and its light will spread over into Europe and throughout the wide, wide world.

†The "penitent form" referred to in this article is known also as the "altar." It is a British expression.



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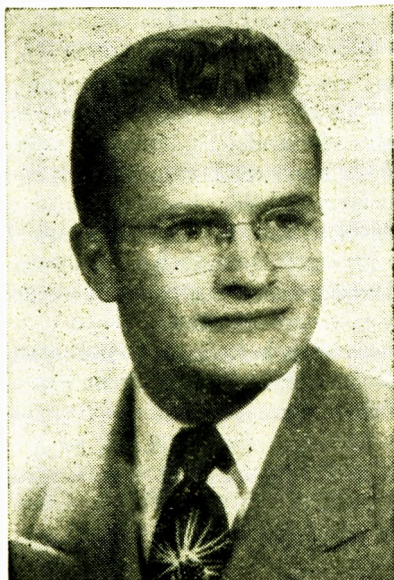
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It's a pleasure to present...

GERALD F. BERGLUND

Assistant Foreign Missions Secretary



On October 13, Mr. Gerald Berglund returned to the Foreign Missions Office after two years in Europe with the United States Army.

While in the service, Mr. Berglund worked in the office of the Division Adjutant General, 4th Infantry Division.

His return fills a much-needed position as Assistant Foreign Missions Secretary. A graduate of Pasadena College, an experienced law office worker, and former employee of the Foreign Missions Office, he is well qualified for this position. It is a pleasure to present him to the readers of the **OTHER SHEEP**.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY During February, the prayer theme stressed in previous years will be continued. Prepare your hearts to meet with God more frequently and with greater desperation. Learn all you can about the work of the Church of the Nazarene *around the world* . . . and then pray intelligently and definitely for the needs of our work and workers.

"With God's help we are out to seek the lost wherever they have wandered."—Ira Taylor, *Peru*.

PRAY Uphold in prayer the missionaries who are in physical need. Pray that the touch of God might bring to their bodies His healing. God is hearing prayer, as evidenced in Brother Mischke's recent report: "So glad to say that Mrs. Mischke is now at home again and is gradually regaining her strength and health. The Lord has really been good and has answered prayer for her."

PRAY Pray for the missionaries who are on furlough, speaking in countless churches on behalf of foreign missions. Pray that the anointing of God might freight their messages, calling young people to His service as missionaries and awakening the church to the opportunities that are present in 1953.

CLIPPINGS



To "Vulindlela"*

Lula Schmelzenbach upon her retirement.

We gather here at Council time
 From every Afric' zone,
 And herald forth in prose or rhyme
 The work we call our own.
 We talk of students, classes taught,
 Of church and Sunday school;
 Of all the victories God hath wrought;
 Revivals still the rule.
 We glory in the trophies won.
 And yet how could we fail?
 In all the work that we have done,
 We trod a well-blazed trail.
 There is amongst us gathered here
 One who has earned the name
 Of Trail Blazer, Pioneer!
 Her praise we would proclaim.
 'Twas Vulindlela crossed the stream
 That day so long ago,
 And helped to cause that first faint beam
 In Swaziland to glow!
 No welcome hands outstretched that day!
 No friendly greeting smile!
 No waving branches marked the way
 That last long, weary mile!
 No home to enter but a tent;
 No sign of comfort near!
 To preach the gospel her intent.
 Ah! That's a pioneer!
 Vulindlela! Aptly named!
 Those toils were not in vain.
 Your mission now is greatly famed,
 And hosts of souls the gain!
 And out from Endingeni, fanned,
 Your kindled fire has spread
 To Blaauwberg, Naboom, Gazaland!
 'Tis plain, your God has led!
 You've labored well, you've labored long,
 And ever done your best!
 May all your days be filled with song!
 And peace! And love! And rest!

*Lula Schmelzenbach's native name. Literally "open the way" or a synonym of pioneer.

The above poem was read as a tribute to Mrs. Lula Schmelzenbach for her labor as the pioneer missionary of our African mission, at the twenty-ninth annual Council of the South African Mission Field.

Conquered by Prayer

The following incident, illustrating the mighty power of prayer to overcome revival opposition, is taken from the autobiography of C. G. Finney:

"Some young men encouraged by influential persons in the community seemed to stand like a bulwark in the way of the work. We therefore retired to a grove and gave ourselves up to prayer until we prevailed, and we felt confident that no power which earth or hell could interpose, would be allowed permanently to stop the revival.

"On Tuesday morning of the same week, the leader of these young men came to me in the greatest distress of mind. He was all prepared to submit, and as soon as I came to press him, he broke down like a child, confessed, and manifestly gave himself to Christ. Then he said, 'What shall I do, Mr. Finney?' I replied, 'Go immediately to all your young companions, and pray with them and exhort them at once to return to the Lord.' He did so; and before the week was out, nearly if not all the class of young men were hopping in Christ."

—The Wesleyan Missionary

Father Thoms

Among the many visitors who brought sunshine to my hospital room were two elderly missionaries from the Central American Mission.

One of the first days after my operation, eighty-eight-year-old "Father Thoms," as he is affectionately called, stepped into my room, smilingly greeted me, and said: "You can always look up, you know," and then with a twinkle in his eye, he added: "They say the devil can get us in a box, but he can't put the lid on." That was all, but how his words cheered me!

Later on when I felt much better, he returned with Rev. Cassel, his eighty-three-year-old friend. This time they visited for a while and then Father Thoms said as he was leaving: "We shall meet again—I always say that to the children of God—because, you know, we are going to meet again!"

Tender thoughts of my old, saintly mother filled my heart. There was something so sacred about their presence that, as they left, I wept and prayed:

"O Lord, help me to live so close to Thee that as the years pass I shall become more and more like Thee, that I too might be thus able to make Thee more real to others!"

—MRS. HAROLD HESS, Guatemala

MISSIONARY HIGH LIGHTS

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Special Announcement

AS A preliminary announcement we have much pleasure in stating that the negotiations between the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene with a view to fusion have now reached an advanced stage. After much careful thought and prayer, the governing bodies of the two societies have decided that it is in the will of God, and the interests of His kingdom, and will further the advancement of the holiness cause, if we unite. Therefore in the near future, it is fully expected that the work of the International Holiness Mission in Britain and in South Africa will be incorporated within that of the Church of the Nazarene. A full statement will be made in our next issue, when the reasons for this move will be given. Suffice it to say now, that we firmly believe that this proposed union will greatly accelerate the evangelization of the heathen in Africa, and will strengthen our hands in the proclamation of holiness by faith in Jesus Christ. Our friends and supporters in Britain al-

ready know of this proposed union, and we would like to assure our many friends and supporters in South Africa that our message and object remains exactly the same as before, with the added strength of a united front. All the negotiations on the field and in Britain between the two societies have been carried on in a wonderful spirit of love and unity, and the conviction has grown that this is God's doing. In the meantime, we want to make it quite clear that we are earnestly desirous of your prayers for our leaders and for the work as a whole. We shall count upon your continued interest and support. This is no time for slacking off, but rather of pushing the battle to the gate. The time is short, the coming of Jesus draws nigh, the midnight hour is here; therefore let us be awake, alert, and active in the great harvest field.

—From the July-September issue of *Africa Calling*. Published in Africa by the International Holiness Mission; Miriam Evans, editor.

Union of I.H.M.

By George Frame*

IN A GREAT RALLY in Leeds, England, on Wednesday, October 29, Dr. Hardy C. Powers welcomed and received into the Church of the Nazarene the International Holiness Mission. The British Isles District as a result of this union now has 62 organized churches and a number of missions. It gives the Church of the Nazarene a foothold in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

This is a vastly different picture from what it was when I became district superintendent in 1940 with 24 congregations. At that time we had only 5 churches in England; now we have 39. Three years ago, there was no Church of the Nazarene in London; today we have 7 churches in greater London.

*District Superintendent, British Isles District, Church of the Nazarene

We British Nazarenes have accepted this union as a challenge to maintain the missionary zeal and fervor of the I.H.M., as it was affectionately known among us. They have fully justified the vision and daring of their founder, David Thomas, in inserting in the title of the infant and struggling movement the word *International*. Their 27 congregations have been maintaining 32 missionaries in Africa. Every 40 members have supported one missionary.

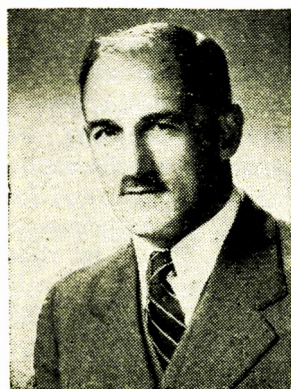
While this has put a tremendous burden on the home field, we believe it was a noble and justified venture for holiness people who share John Wesley's conviction that the world is their parish. The urgency of the present world situation that may well betoken the approaching end of this

world order strengthens the conviction that we dare not do less for foreign missions.

An intensified home missionary program is implicit in this resolution. The bigger the effort abroad, the more urgent the need for expanding and strengthening the home base. Changing economic conditions make it imperative that we tap new sources of supply. The moral and spiritual aftermath of war makes the need of the homeland as critical as any of the foreign fields, and so we

are launching out into an ever-expanding program of opening new churches, the only way we know to meet these twin needs.

We are not deluded into believing that a multiplication of human resources, no matter how gratifying, is sufficient to equip us for our task. Revival is the only answer. We encourage ourselves, however, with the thought that union can be the fulfilling of one of the vital conditions for a divine visitation.



Momentous Event

By W. C. Esselstyn*

FOR OVER forty years the missionaries of the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene have been working side by side in Africa and have been co-operating in their efforts to win the African people to Christ and to lead them into an experience of heart holiness.

How greatly then were we stirred and caused to rejoice when in December, 1951, we received the first official word of the possibility of the union of the I.H.M. with the Church of the Nazarene! As we investigated and prayed over this proposal we became convinced that it was of God and that it could mean much to the spread of His kingdom. Meetings of representatives of both organizations were held and were marked by the blessing of God and a very genuine warmth of fellowship. The first of these meetings passed the following resolutions: "This committee sincerely believes that the proposed union is highly desirable, as it would help to expedite the evangelization of the heathen and promote the propagation of scriptural holiness among the African people, which is our God-appointed mission. In view of the urgency of the task, the brevity of our opportunity, and the greatly added strength that would come with union, this committee strongly recommends to its field councils in Africa, the respective African churches, and the governing bodies in Britain and the United States of America, that immediate steps be taken to make this union effective."

When the idea of fusion was taken to the African church it was wholeheartedly and most often enthusiastically received by the leaders and members of the quarterly meetings.

The union of the International Holiness Mission with the Church of the Nazarene is a momentous event in the history of our South African mission field. It increases our missionary staff by 32 members, our Bantu workers by nearly 100, our school enrollment by 1,300, and our church membership by more than 2,000, besides adding much to our medical work, to the number of our mission stations, and to the areas of our influence.

We give a most sincere and hearty welcome to each of our I.H.M. brothers and sisters as they join our ranks, and pray that God will bless this union with an outpouring of His Spirit and power upon all of our united churches and people until, as one army, we shall move forward to conquer in His name and to build His kingdom in the hearts of men all over this great, dark continent and throughout the world.

*Mission Field Superintendent, African District, Church of the Nazarene



The International Holiness Mission And South Africa

*By Maurice Winterburn**

THE INTERNATIONAL HOLINESS MISSION has now ceased its separate identity, and has fused its forces in Britain, South Africa, and Portuguese East Africa with the Church of the Nazarene. As its late missionary secretary, I have been asked to sketch out its missionary work for the OTHER SHEEP.

Its Honored History

Founded in 1908 through the labors of the Rev. D. B. Jones, the work has followed an honored course until 1952, when it had outgrown its parent group in the British Isles. The work started in evangelistic ministry among the miners at the Gold Reef in Transvaal, and this service is still primary in evangelistic technique in South Africa. Here is a fruitful field of 300,000 natives varying in language and tribal custom, yet reachable and responsive to the gospel. From the beginning our missionary staff steadily increased to 32. Rev. D. B. Jones was called to heaven in 1950, but Mrs. Jones, the cofounder, is happily still with us, and a sacrificial band of missionaries representing three home countries "blaze a trail" for God.

Its Varied Ministry

Although we began in the mining compounds of the Johannesburg area, we developed into 6 distinct fields, separated in distance by 14,000 miles, and operating among 5 different language groups. We have sought to produce our quota of evangelistic, educational, and medical work. The call came to us from Portuguese East Africa through a native who had been saved and sanctified at meetings on the Gold Reef, and now there is a virile work in this Roman Catholic country. We have over 50 evangelists working here. The government will allow us no church buildings (and officially no Bibles nor hymnbooks), but we have a wonderful people willing to endure the fires of persecution. Another sanctified native invited us into the Eastern Transvaal, where 13 missionaries now reside. Besides 4 main stations with the accompanying network of outstations, a hospital has been built here with a doctor and 11 nurses in its service. Four dispensaries are seeking to minister to the outlying communities. Our newest field in Northern Transvaal is but eight years old. The Basuto people here are a little harder to move towards God than the Shangaans further south,

but development has been rapid, and 6 missionaries manning 3 main stations and 20 outstations have taken up the challenge. For many years our policy has been to train and equip the Spirit-filled native for service and leadership among his own people. For this purpose our native Bible school at Rehoboth near Johannesburg seeks to train likely candidates, who have the privilege of a full course of lectures delivered to them in their own Shangaan tongue by our missionaries, Rev. H. K. Bedwell and Rev. Cyril Blamey.

Its Size and Statistics

In evangelism about 60 native evangelists co-operate with our 31 missionaries. In medicine our hospital and 6 dispensaries serve about 26,000 patients per year. In education we have over 1,280 children in day school.

Now we are joining heart and hands with the Church of the Nazarene. It is the writer's belief that the greatest day for scriptural holiness in South Africa is about to dawn for all of us.

Faith Worketh Sight

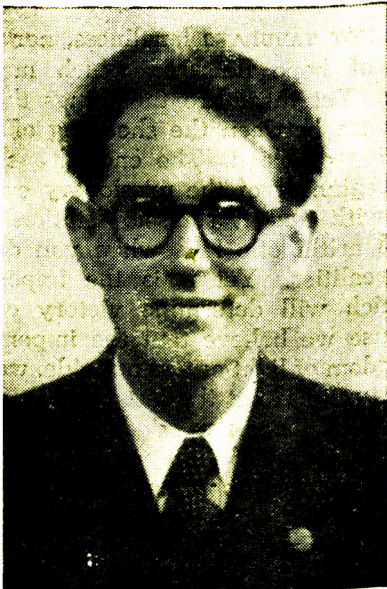
YOU CANNOT TABULATE loneliness, nor plot the curve of hope deferred which makes the heart sick. Yet these are the things that make the difference between the shedding of ink and the shedding of blood. The end of a survey is only the beginning of the missionary enterprise. One man with God at a mission station is a majority. All arithmetic fails when you deal with spiritual realities. Yet it is the imponderable forces which will determine victory or defeat and, because we believe that the imponderables of the kingdom of light are on our side, we believe that opportunity is not the last word in missions. The appeal of the closed door is even greater than of the one which is open. The open door beckons; the closed door may be a challenge to love or to authority. . . . It is the strength of these imponderable forces, that is to say, the reality of the invisible, which enables the missionary to look upward with confidence and see by faith like John of Patmos the future result of his toil in "the great multitude which no man can number," a world where statistics are inadequate to express realities.—DR. SAMUEL M. ZWEMER in *Church Herald*.

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Histon

Though it was impossible to photograph the entire national Holiness Mission Union service is presented. A singing the following type of song, which is quite char

*I'm over in the
I'm going on,
Led by my Faith
Bless God, I'm
Plains unexplored
New mountain
Their summits so
Bless God, I'm*

CHORUS:
*Much land ahead
I'm going on,
And all is mine
Bless God, I'm*



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**Rev. George Frame
District Superintendent
British Isles District**

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the moment the picture was taken the people were heartily
eristic:

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going on;
guiding hand,
ing on!
efore me spread,
ights loom just ahead,
my feet shall tread.
ing on!

be possessed,
going on;
feet have pressed.
ing on!



**Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt,
Foreign Missions Secretary,
and Dr. Hardy C. Powers,
General Superintendent,
on their way to England**

Jesus Never Fails

By E. Courtney Smith

THE WORK here in Islington continues to progress steadily; we rejoice for those who are standing true to the Saviour. The word has gone forth and souls have responded to the gospel message; much prayer and patience are needed before they become established. These dear people who have lived in sin all their lives and also their fathers before them need much prayer that they might become grounded in the truths of the gospel.

We would very especially ask your prayers for our young people, that they may be kept strong and choose their friends among those who really know God. So many young lives are ruined because of doubtful companions. Often when it is too late they come and weep, saying how they wish they had been more careful and had taken advice regarding the choice of their companions. Often a good Christian girl marries a man who is not a true Christian. Soon after the marriage the girl discovers the truth and has to endure beatings and like punishments if she remains true to God. Then again, often a Christian boy has heathen parents, and when he marries, his wife has to live with his parents. While he is away at work, they will not allow the wife to leave the village to attend service. They even take away her clothes, leaving her just a cloth to tie around her. When her husband sends her money they force her to give it up. So you may well imagine

it is very difficult for our young people to remain true to God but, praise Him, nothing is impossible.

We have one case in mind where one of our boys married a Christian girl. They came to the services together; then the boy went away to work and after a few weeks his wife ceased to attend the services. When visited we found that her mother-in-law, who is a backslider, once the wife of one of our evangelists, refused to allow the girl to come to service or to leave the village. She even took her clothes from her. Soon afterwards when a little one arrived, the father sent money to buy clothes, but the old lady took the money and spent it on herself and so the poor little child was without clothes. Some months later the young man came home and was surprised to see his wife and child without clothes. When he returned to his work he took both wife and child with him. We have not seen them since but trust they are still going on with God. This is only one instance. We could speak of many if space permitted. A few boys and girls are willing to incur the displeasure of their parents rather than to disobey God. We do praise God for those who have stood true and God is indeed blessing them.

—From *Africa Calling*

July-September Issue

Magorma

By Hazel Pass*

MAGORMA had been sick for about three years, and as we looked into her sad face it was easy to see that her days were numbered, for she was just a bundle of skin and bones.

In times past, various missionaries had visited the kraal with the gospel story; but there was no response. Magorma preferred her old ways. My own first contact with her was two years previously as I accompanied Mrs. Emslie in kraal visiting. We came across her sitting on the veranda of her hut, nursing a small child. We enquired of her health, and she replied that her body was sick.

After a little talk, Mrs. Emslie told her of the only remedy for the sickness of the soul—the blood of Jesus; but she was not the slightest bit interested, and sadly we left her. After this she attended the clinic once but never entered the church.

And now Magorma was a pathetic figure, constantly in pain, unable to sleep, and too weak to move. I spoke to her of heaven, where there would be no sickness or pain, to which she replied, "Yes, but I can never go there. I don't know Jesus."

We asked, "But would you like to know Him?"

What a change in her attitude as she eagerly answered, "Yes, I would!"

So as simply as possible the way of salvation was explained to one in whose heart the Holy Spirit had been working. Very simply Magorma asked the Lord Jesus to come into her heart and wash her sins away.

Each day we visited her, leaving medicine for the night, and reading over and over again I John, verses 7-10; John 6, verse 37; and John 14, verses 1-6. Her face was very dark, and one wondered just how much of what had been said had penetrated.

After three days I said to her, "Do you remember the words of God, Magorma?"

Her face lit up as I had never seen it before as she replied, "Yes, but Satan is troubling me."

These people are demon worshipers, and it is hardly to be wondered that Satan troubled her. Again after a few words of exhortation, Bible reading and prayer, we left her.

Only a week later she passed into the presence of her newly found Saviour after having told us she was praying and trusting in the blood of Jesus. What a joy to see one who is so near to eternity pass from death unto life!

Daily as we prayed and read the Scriptures,

Magorma's husband, who was home from Johannesburg, listened reverently, and bowed his head as we prayed while others jeered. He has now returned to Johannesburg and our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in his heart through what he has heard; also that he will read the Bible he possesses, and turn to God in time to give a good part of his life in the service of the King of Kings, rather than repent at the gates of death, as did his wife.

Our hearts were encouraged by another contact with this kraal recently, as a relative who nursed Magorma during her illness came for medical aid. Before attending to her we followed our usual practice to pray first and seek the aid of the Great Physician. This proved to be an abnormal maternity case, and in a wonderful way the Lord undertook. Within a few minutes the mother was rejoicing in the gift of a healthy son, and instead of the frequently heard remark—"The white people know how to help"—the native helper was soon telling the relatives, "The sister prayed, and the baby was born." Yes, we have the great privilege of introducing these people to a God who answers prayer.

—From *Africa Calling*
July-September Issue

*Missionary in Lorraine Clinic, North Transvaal.

In Journeyings Oft

By H. Kenneth Bedwell

THE BIBLE SCHOOL being closed for vacation, and the African winter being upon us, we seized the opportunity of getting out into the bushveld among the Bantu Christians and the heathen. Our purpose was twofold, firstly to seek to strengthen and encourage the African leaders, and secondly to reach the heathen with the gospel message.

Our first objective was a Bible conference in Gazaland, Portuguese East Africa, for our evangelists and pastors there. This entailed a journey of twelve hundred miles by car. It was worth the long hours of driving to hear the shouts of "Hallelujah!" and to see the smiling faces of our black-skinned friends as we drove into Rev. Jonah Mahleyeye's kraal, situated in the Limpopo Valley. There were no doubts about the sincerity and heartiness of the welcome.

In company with Rev. and Mrs. Best, we ministered the Word to eager listeners. The Bible conference over, the quarterly meeting was held. It was moving to meet men who had walked for seven days in order to be there. That meant fourteen days' walking under the hot sun, in heavy sand, in order to enjoy three days of meetings! What a rebuke to the anemic believers who are kept at home by a shower or a bit of cold weather! In spite of heavy rain on the Sunday, a large crowd gathered, and more than fifty came forward to seek the Lord at the close of the meeting. As we retired for the night, a wedding was still in progress, conducted by the Rev. Jonah Mahleyeye.

THE RETURN JOURNEY was a nightmare. Torrential and incessant rain had turned the dirt

roads into a quagmire. For mile after mile we plowed through deep mud, reaching up to the chassis of the car. In spite of chains on the rear wheels, we skidded and slid around on the embankment upon which the road is built, expecting at any time to go over the edge. At one point we had to be hauled through mud more than three feet deep, by a huge road tractor. Yet through all these difficulties the Lord brought us without a hitch or a scratch. It was worth the trouble just to stand and watch the face of an old woman as the articles of demon worship which she had given up upon her conversion were burned in the presence of the congregation. Rev. Noah Khossa had been used of God to win her to Christ.

A few days at home, to catch up on correspondence, attend to editing work, and do the multitudinous tasks of the mission station, and we were off again, this time to the Eastern and Northern Transvaal. At Cottondale it was our privilege to preach to a full church, and to present Elimon Makubele with his Bible school diploma. He came to the Bible school three and a half years ago as a heathen, ignorant boy. He found the Lord, was baptized, came into Bible school, was taught to read and write, and passed first class in his exams. The dedication of ten black babies at the close of the service speaks well for the future of the I.H.M. in those parts!

AFTER TWO DAYS of happy fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Smith at Islington, we headed north and climbed into the Drakensberg Mountains to a place which is misnamed "The Downs." We thought it ought to be renamed the "Ups," for it was a question of "Up, up, up, and still up." Even the powerful Ford V-8 had to drop into bottom gear as she crawled around the sharp and narrow bends of this mountain trailway. In company with Mr. Emslie, we visited the asbestos mines, where thousands of natives live in little shacks on the mountain side and earn their living by laboriously digging out the asbestos rock on the steep and rugged mountain slopes. The Downs mission station reminds one of the lovely uplands of Scotland; but on the other side of the mountain range it is another world, a fearful place of wild rocks and giant cactus plants. The heathen darkness and sin there is appalling, as bad as anything I have yet seen in the African continent. It is hard to believe that such conditions can exist so near to civilization. Every little hut had its forty-four-gallon drum of beer beside it. We saw sin walking about unashamed and unafraid. Here are Shangana, Nyanjas, Zulus, Mashonas, and various other tribes mingled with the local Bapedi. To reach this area means a journey of twenty miles on a narrow, rocky mountain track, full of steep precipices and hairpin bends. I found

two trips quite enough. Mr. Emslie does it twice a month and packs five meetings into a day.

There are encouraging signs. A little church is being built in the heart of the mining country. A little group of believers is meeting together for fellowship and going out to witness.

It was my privilege to baptize in the river two Shangaan men from P.E.A. who have been won to God down there. The leader is full of zeal for souls, and there is great promise here. It is hard pioneer work and oftentimes discouraging. God has greatly helped Mr. and Mrs. Emslie with the language—one of the most difficult of the Bantu group—and we are sure that God will reward their faithful labors. It takes stout hearts for a task like this. Faint hearts need not apply.

FROM THE "Downs" we really went down—this time to Lorraine. It is another world—the wide-spreading bushveld, with the majestic Drakensberg Mountains dominating the scene, a dozen or so miles away. This is a dry country. Drought has its grip upon the land. Mr. Dayhoff is busy fixing up a pump above a bore-hole. Water has been struck at 130 feet below ground—precious water in a thirsty land. The visiting *umfundisi* puts on his old clothes to give a hand on the job of getting the pump into service. On Sunday we are away down into the bush for three services in widely separated areas. It is well worth the fifty miles of jolting and swaying on the tortuous tracks to see needy men and women down at the Cross seeking the Saviour. This is why we are in Africa—this is the crowning of all the labor of language study, adapting oneself to the native mind, sacrificing the shelter of home and loved ones. Here the purpose of the whole venture is fulfilled—a group of curly-headed, dark-skinned Africans kneeling in penitence at the Cross.

WE ARE BACK at home—tired in mind and body, but enriched by many precious memories of fellowship with fellow missionaries who are at the battle front, with African leaders who are being used to win their own people to God, and with the once dark hearts upon whom the Sun of Righteousness has risen. We ask no more reward than this.

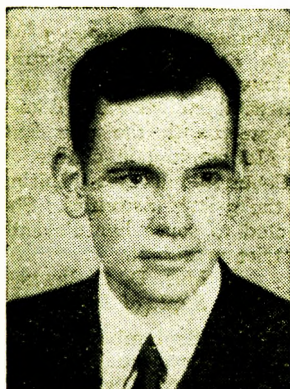
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A man is in bondage to whatever he cannot part with that is less than himself.

—George McDonald in the *Wesleyan Missionary*

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES.....

The Bennetts Japan



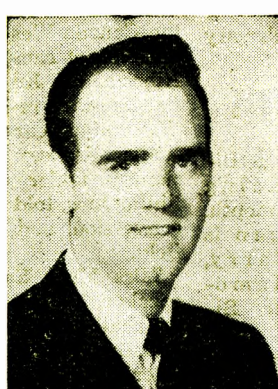
MERRIL S. BENNETT was born at Tillamook, Oregon, July 18, 1923, the second of three boys in a United Brethren home. He was saved at the age of twelve during a Methodist revival in Nehalem, Oregon. He, with his parents and younger brother, joined the Church of the Nazarene in Tillamook, 1939. He attended Northwest Nazarene College, 1941-43 and 1946-48, the time in between being spent in the army. Although he never gave up his Christian profession, he was often confused, until he was sanctified at the opening convention at N.N.C. in 1946. He was graduated as an art major in 1948. In the same class was Myrtlebelle Walton, who majored in religion.

Myrtlebelle was born in Newberg, Oregon, August 15, 1926, of Nazarene parents. She and her two younger brothers spent their childhood years on a farm in Parkdale in the upper Hood River Valley. She joined the Nazarene church in Parkdale, which her folk started, as a charter member at the age of nine. Even before this time, she felt the call of God to the mission field. Myrtlebelle was saved and sanctified and settled her missionary call at the Twin Rocks Young People's Convention in 1943. In the fall of 1944, she went to Northwest Nazarene College, where she attended four years.

In the fall of 1948, she matriculated at Western Evangelical Seminary, Jennings Lodge, Oregon. At the same time Merrill Bennett, better known as "Abe," was entering Lewis and Clark College in Portland to take work in secondary-school teaching. Immediately prior to receiving a degree in education, he experienced a divine call to full-time Christian service. His attention turned toward Japan, where he had spent three months while in service. Feeling a lack of preparation, he found himself in the Nazarene Theological Seminary in the fall of 1949. Myrtlebelle transferred to the seminary at the same time.

They were married at Oregon City, Oregon, on August 25, 1951. Returning to the seminary to finish the work there, they were put under appointment to Japan in January, 1952. They have a son, Philip, born in Kansas City in July, 1952.

The Rosas Philippine Islands



ADRIAN WAYNE ROSA was born July 9, 1924, at Annapolis, Missouri. He was saved at an early age and sanctified in his teens and called to preach. In preparation for this high calling he entered Trevecca Nazarene College, where the call to service in the United States Navy came. After serving on an LST for two years, he was sent to the Philippine Islands to serve on a land base. He had the privilege of preaching to the Filipinos and many found the Lord. Two churches resulted from these efforts. While praying on top of a mountain in the midnight hour, he felt that the Lord called him to return to these people and to serve as a missionary, giving them the gospel.

After receiving his discharge he married Anna Willene Agee on August 30, 1946. They had met while they were in Trevecca before the war.

Willene was born on January 5, 1925, at Monterey, Tennessee. She too found the Lord at an early age and was sanctified in her teens and felt the call to serve the Lord in special service.

Adrian and Willene re-entered Trevecca in 1946 and together received their Bachelor of Arts degrees in 1949. Adrian entered Peabody College for Teachers immediately upon graduation from T.N.C. and remained there until he took the pastorate of the church in Union, Missouri, where he served two years.

Adrian Wayne, Jr., came on March 4, 1950, to bless their home. Upon finding that the child was born blind, they felt that they would never be able to go to the field of their calling. After much fasting and praying and submitting the matter to the Lord, they saw that God touched the eyes of the child, astonishing the doctors as to what God could do.

After what seemed to them a long time of waiting, they sailed on August 2, 1952, for the Philippine Islands, the land of their calling.

The W.F.M.S.

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MONTHLY EMPHASIS FEBRUARY

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for suggestions for your February
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GENERAL PRESIDENT'S NOTES



January is Bible Reading emphasis month. Our slogan is "Read, Carry, Study, Memorize Your Bible."

It was 341 years ago, September 30, that the King James Version of the Bible was introduced to the Protestant world.

King James I was one of England's most learned kings. He was unusually fond of theology. Through his encouragement the 1611 version of the Bible, called the King James Version, was started.

The task required two years and nine months of sustained effort on the part of forty-seven translators. All earlier translations of the Bible and the works of Tyndale and Wycliffe were freely used in this momentous task.

The spread of the English-speaking people into the remote parts of the world carried this King James Version into the ultimate corners of the earth. There it stands today above the rise and fall of kingdoms, securely rooted in the hearts and minds of English-speaking people of every land.

With the Psalmist we heartily say, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." We need these helps today: lanterns for our feet and lights for the path ahead. May the One who is the Light of the world help us as we give special attention to this glorious Word.

THANK YOU

I need a thousand tongues to express to all the many friends my heartfelt thanks for all of the beautiful birthday cards I received on October 9.

They brought warmth and friendship and I appreciated them all.

LOUISE R. CHAPMAN

DISTRICT CONVENTION BRIEFS

Canada West—July 14

The Annual W.F.M.S. Convention of the Canada West District convened at the district campground in Red Deer, Alberta, on July 14. Mrs. Edward Lawlor was re-elected president for the coming year with a very fine vote.

Miss Frances Vine, Canadian missionary under appointment to the Philippines, told the convention of her conversion and call to the mission field.

Miss Mary Scott, our convention speaker, delivered messages which we shall never forget. Particularly interesting was the story of Miss Scott's internment in a Japanese prison camp.

Another outstanding feature of the convention was a fellowship dinner held in the dining hall at Canadian Nazarene College. After the dinner Miss Scott conducted an interesting and informative question-and-answer session.

MRS. WILLIAM SUMMERSCALES
Reporter

Missouri—August 4-5

The annual convention of the Missouri District W.F.M.S. was held at the District Center, Pine Crest, at Fredericktown, Missouri, on August 4-5. We were privileged to have as our special speaker Miss Agnes Willox from Scotland, our missionary in Africa. Her stirring message moved us toward a greater effort for missions in this coming year. The convention was well attended and the reports from the different departments were very encouraging. God is surely blessing the work of the W.F.M.S. under the able leadership of our beloved president, Mrs. J. W. Hoffert, who was re-elected for another year.

MRS. EMMA BECKMAN
Supt. of Publicity

Indianapolis—August 25-26

An inspiring and never-to-be-forgotten missionary convention was held at the beautiful Indianapolis campgrounds, August 25 and 26, under the very capable leadership of our president, Mrs. J. W. Short, who was also re-elected.

The wonderful messages of Rev. Everett Howard blessed our souls, as he told of the thrilling miracles of the Cape Verde Islands. We were also happy to have with us in our convention returned missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Lelan Rogers from

British Guiana and Mrs. Norah Heslop from Korea.

ZELMA ROTHMAN
Publicity Chairman

East Tennessee—September 1

The East Tennessee District W.F.M.S. Convention met September 1 at the district campground, Louisville, Tennessee, with the president, Mrs. J. A. McCammon, in charge.

Mrs. McCammon read her inspiring report of the year's activities. She was re-elected to serve her eleventh year as district president.

MRS. D. C. IRWIN
Supt. of Publicity

Louisiana—September 2

The twenty-sixth annual convention of the Louisiana District W.F.M.S. was held at the district campground in Alexandria on September 2. The reports given showed increased missionary interest and gains along all lines. One of the high lights of the convention was the inspiring message by Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt. Hearts were stirred as he portrayed the needs of the various mission fields, making an appeal for prayer in behalf of world-wide evangelism.

God is blessing the missionary work of the district under the leadership of our good president, Mrs. Elbert Dodd, who was re-elected for another year.

MRS. THOMAS B. OSTEEN
Supt. of Publicity

Kansas City—September 2

The Kansas City District held its twenty-seventh annual convention, September 2, at the district center. Mrs. G. B. Williamson brought the opening devotional message, which was a blessing to all. The reports showed a commendable gain in all departments; of special interest were the six new societies organized this year under the progressive leadership of our president, Mrs. Dell Aycock.

Rev. and Mrs. John Cochran ably impressed us with the "challenge that awaits us in the great Argentine" in their messages throughout the day.

The convention closed with the singing of the general assembly theme, "I Must Work," sending all home with a greater determination to "work till each soul is won."

MRS. J. D. WADLEY, JR.
Reporter

Northeast Oklahoma—September 15

The first annual convention of the Northeast Oklahoma District W.F.M.S. met on September 15 in the

BE ONE OF 100,000



To read
the Bible through
in 1953

I MUST WORK

*I must work, for He has called me
Forth into His harvest field;
Day still lingers, Christ is calling
To the lost that they may yield.
I must work; the sun is setting;
Soon the harvesttime shall cease
For the millions lost in darkness
Who are vainly seeking peace.*

*We must work, for night is coming.
Even now is at the door;
Souls—more valuable than rubies—
Will be lost forevermore.
We must work; the world is hungry
For the peace that Jesus gives.
All must work and pray together
Till they cry, "We've heard—He
lives!"*

—LORRAINE O. SCHULTZ



WORLD DAY
OF
PRAYER
FEBRUARY 20

Central Church of the Nazarene at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. I. C. Mathis, president, presided. Reports of the district officers were given, after which Rev. Remiss Rehfeldt brought a stirring message, urging us to keep a united and spiritual district in order to do the great task set before us.

Most of our local societies reported that they reached the seven-point goal.

Mrs. I. C. Mathis was re-elected president on the first ballot.

MRS. J. V. GARRETT
Supt. of Publicity

Southwest Oklahoma—September 16

The fourth annual convention of the Southwest Oklahoma District W.F.M.S. met in El Reno, Oklahoma, Tuesday, September 16. We were happy to have Miss Mary Scott as special speaker to the convention. We shall not soon forget her plea for us to remember to pray for the Chinese Christians behind the iron curtain of communism in China.

We considered it an honor to have with us during our convention four new missionaries who will be leaving for the fields very soon: Rev. and Mrs. J. Elton Wood to the Cape Verde Islands, Miss Grace Abila to South Africa, and Miss Olivette Culley to Nicaragua.

The district, under the leadership of our efficient president, Mrs. W. T. Johnson, reports gains on all lines.

MRS. J. RUSSELL BROWN
Supt. of Publicity

North Carolina—September 23

The twelfth annual W.F.M.S. convention of the North Carolina District met at Charlotte, Tuesday, September 23, 1952.

Our missionary society has been fortunate for the past five years to have the efficient leadership of Mrs. C. E. Shumake, wife of our district superintendent.

The convention was climaxed with a great missionary message by our general superintendent, Dr. G. B. Williamson. Our W.F.M.S. presses forward with renewed devotion and interest in the Crusade for Souls Now.

MRS. RUPERT CRAVENS
Reporter

Southeast Oklahoma—September 23

The Southeast Oklahoma District W.F.M.S. Convention convened at Durant, Oklahoma, with the district president, Mrs. Earl Johnson, presiding.

Miss Mary Scott, special speaker, stirred our hearts and made us want to do more for missions.

The district officers and local presidents had good reports. Mrs. Johnson was re-elected district president.

MRS. REID HUTCHENS
Supt. of Publicity

Georgia—September 30

The W.F.M.S. Convention of the Georgia District was held September 30 at Thomasville, Georgia.

The day began with an inspiring devotional brought by Rev. Bruce B. Hall. At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. E. E. Hale, superintendent of our colored school at Institute, West Virginia, spoke to the convention about our responsibility to carry the gospel to the Negroes of America.

Mrs. T. J. Eby, the Florida District president, gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the Alabaster Box. Visitors and delegates to the General Convention brought the details of the convention program before us in such a vivid manner that all were moved to do their utmost to help "hold the ropes."

Mrs. Hall, who has served so faithfully and well as president, asked that her name not be considered this year. Mrs. Herman Ward was elected president for the coming year.

FRANCES FREENEY
Reporter

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Boys' and Girls' Page

HELLO AGAIN, BOYS AND GIRLS!

Another new year is beginning. Will all of you Juniors do your very best to make 1953 a year of which Jesus Christ, and you, will be proud? Not for what you have done alone, but for what He will have helped you to do.



The Junior Society, Brighton, Colorado
A Mountain Birthday Picnic

Isn't this a happy group of Juniors! They sent me this snapshot quite a while ago, but there have been so many pictures of other things that this is late. These Brighton, Colorado, Juniors are having a birthday picnic. But they don't spend all their time just having fun. No, indeed; they work and earn money for their district and general missionary projects, and they love their society. God bless them!

Another Message from Our "Juniors' Own Missionary" In the Cape Verde Islands

We told you that we would give you more from Miss Lydia Wilke's letter, which she sent some time ago, and here is a cutting from it:

SANTA CATARINA, CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

DEAR FRIENDS,

The N.Y.P.S. invited me to go with them for a week-end trip to Brava. Our Nazarene boat, "Boas Novas" ("Good News"), took thirty of us. It was an all-night trip. The stars were out and the sea was almost like glass, except for the ripples made by the boat, and the flying fish which darted like silver streaks out of the water and returned with a splash.

When we reached the Island of Brava, the boys had a volleyball tournament, and our Praia boys won. The government administrator, who is a fine Nazarene, presented them with a beautiful banner. That evening the Praia N.Y.P.S., our group, gave a program, and Sunday morning they had charge of the Sunday school and the preaching service. At that service Mr. Luiz Cunha, who was once a priest, spoke to a packed house.

We had a wonderful time, and came back in our Nazarene boat, a happy group of young people. Before long, the Brava N.Y.P.S. will return our visit, and their choir will give a program on this island. We hope many young people will find the Lord at that time. You see what a blessing our Nazarene boat is proving to be.

Keep praying for us.

Your missionary,

LYDIA WILKE

Doesn't it make you happy to know that your Junior money is helping to take care of this fine missionary? We surely will remember to pray for her and our other "Juniors' Own Missionaries," the Fritzlans in India, the Hamptons, who are now in Puerto Rico, and the Stanfields in Nicaragua, and for all the others who are helping in this great missionary work all over the world.

Love from your big sister,

MARY E. COVE

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New Year's Verse

"For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."
—Isaiah 41:13.

DURING THE WEEK of October 12 this verse became mine. Experience drove it deep into my consciousness. As the month unfolded, it became exceedingly significant and the days of November brought it even more clearly into focus. The closing quarter of the old year thus became a preparation for the beginning of the new year.

It became necessary on October 15 to board a plane for the West Coast to attend the annual meeting of the board of directors of Casa Robles, our missionary home in California. The plane was loaded with precious cargo—seventy-five adults and several children. After fastening the seat belt at 3:15 a.m. and preparing for the take-off, an experience which never becomes commonplace, I offered a brief, silent prayer and into my mind came the inspiring words of Isaiah 41:13. The effects of this verse were surprising.

On October 27 the Pan American "strato," clipper of the seven seas, was ready for its scheduled departure from New York to London. The overnight flight would carry its passengers over 3,200 miles of water. Dr. H. C. Powers and I had secured the necessary visas and were ready for approximately twenty thousand miles of missionary travel. As the huge plane lifted itself from Idlewild airport and headed out to sea, the words of Isaiah 41:13 became precious indeed.

The heavy responsibility for the Union Convention of the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene rested upon Dr. Powers, who officiated and preached with grace and unction. However, the closing service on October 31 was a missionary rally. Seven missionaries, representatives of the I.H.M. missionary organization, British Isles District officials, and approximately six hundred people from both groups met in the Zion Methodist Church at Leeds, Yorkshire, England. The singing was wonderful, as were also the brief messages from Rev. E. Eades, Cape Verde Islands; Miss D. Brown, I.H.M. missionary from Africa; and Rev. William Russell, Jordan. Just before I stood to speak, the Holy Spirit sealed the words of Isaiah 41:13 to my heart.

During the month in Africa (Nov. 4—Dec. 3) with twenty-nine days of varied and interesting experiences about which we must write at another time, this verse continued to bless and inspire. On the return trip to America (Johannesburg to Rome) aboard an eight-mile-a-minute Jet Comet of the British Overseas Airways Corporation flying at 40,000 feet altitude, it remained as a buttress and an encouragement. After seeing a cross section of our missionary work in Africa and realizing the tremendous possibilities for expansion in all our fields as well as in new areas, this verse is more than a comfort; it is a challenge.

During the new year, let us be assured of God's help. There is nothing in the months ahead which we cannot face with confidence. Opportunities will be ours in Kingdom work. May the message to Isaiah become so real to our hearts that his daring may characterize our endeavors.

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| 1. Rehoboth | 9 | 129 | 21 | 265 | 1 | Bible School |
| 2. Rand (Compounds) | 109 | 175 | 153 | 3,000 | 1 | |
| 3. Carolina | 1 | 37 | 11 | 140 | 2 | |
| 4. Cottondale | 3 | 60 | 30 | 305 | 2 | Secondary School |
| 5. Acornhoek | 7 | 51 | 37 | 245 | 4 | Hospital |
| 6. Islington | 8 | 7 | 11 | 222 | 1 | |
| 7. Lorraine | 6 | 5 | 10 | 154 | 1 | |
| 8. Letaba | 3 | 8 | 5 | 115 | 1 | |
| 9. The Downs | 5 | 2 | 8 | 137 | — | |
| 10. Furancungo | 3 | 7 | 48 | 105 | 1 | |
| 11. Chipizini (Gaza-Land) | 41 | 1,382 | | 2,100 | 36 | |
| Totals | 195 | 1,863 | 334 | 6,788 | 50 | |